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Prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes, unchanged on the balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes and generally steady on the balance. Demand was moderate to good at the beginning of the week and light to fair for the remainder. In many areas, additional light interest was stimulated by feature interest. Supplies were tight to short on the West Coast on all sizes. Elsewhere, larger eggs were in close balance to at times short of full needs with mediums and smalls adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged for the week. Supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate, with most breakers content with regular commitments. Some sellers moving product into the more attractively priced grading channels. Trading and demand was light to moderate. Light type hen offerings were ample to instances burdensome for processors' needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-101	77-90	56-58
New York	72-74	69-72	41-44
Philadelphia	50-72	48-70	36-41
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	45-46	43.5-45	30-31
Jackson (1)	58-59	52-53	39-40
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-66	50-64	37-51
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	56-61	55-60	32-37
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	27-30
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-47	41-45	26-31
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-56	46-53	31-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-66	58-61	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	74	59
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Jul-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	53.11	50.68	38.33
SOUTHERN	44.73	42.67	34.86
MIDWEST	39.38	38.09	27.84
WESTERN	67.09	59.91	49.78
TWELVE METRO AREAS	54.22	50.33	39.65

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	07-13-99	07-06-99	07-14-98
Large	29-31	17-19	35-37
Medium	14-16	9-11	12-14

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM July 12, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.6	6.4	2.9	5.9	24.5
	Change	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-2.6	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	13.4	17.4	4.7	11.9	59.4
	Change	-5.2	-5.7	-2.6	-3.6	-30%
Large	Curr Wk	24.8	40.3	30.0	34.4	179.9
	Change	-9.9	-14.7	-6.6	-5.9	-24%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.2	25.0	12.5	23.4	101.4
	Change	6.1	2.1	0.0	2.2	12%
Small	Curr Wk	7.2	11.3	4.4	9.7	40.1
	Change	0.5	1.4	0.1	2.6	22%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	12.9	9.1	9.4	43.1
	Change	-0.5	1.2	0.1	1.8	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	54.9	14.1	30.8	160.5
	Change	-10.1	-5.2	2.6	-0.8	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	95.7	168.2	77.7	125.5	608.9
Percent	Change	-17%	-11%	-8%	-5%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	608.9	-12%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	487.7	-4%	40
Total Shell Egg	1096.6	-9%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 10-JUL-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,089,066	26,004	9,403	4,917	2,880	3,605
P W	1,185,238(R)	27,498(R)	11,406	6,676	3,027	3,786
L Y	1,103,809	25,289	10,284	5,292	3,036	3,699
% PW	-8	-5	-18	-26	-5	-5
% LY	-1	3	-9	-7	-5	-3
1999	29,296,645	677,112	284,726	157,016	71,223	91,774
1998	28,269,429	639,548	283,975	154,290	71,988	91,419

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
40.34	41.65(R)	40.37

(R) Previous week revised on cases broken, liquid whole and yield.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 10-Jul-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	230.1	-7	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	430.0	-5	1
W.N. CENTRAL	212.6	-7	0
S. ATLANTIC	197.5	7	-2
S. CENTRAL	72.2	0	5
WEST	231.0	2	8
TOTAL	1,373.4	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		95	94

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	JUL 03	JUL 10 Thousand	JUL 03	JUL 10
AL	27,837	26,727	20,818	20,834
AR	30,204	28,938	*24,146	24,544
DE	4,369	4,673	*5,449	5,617
FL	2,756	2,868	2,352	2,513
GA	*31,607	30,965	*25,212	25,073
MD	*8,667	8,806	*5,727	5,575
MS	17,975	18,307	15,302	15,435
NC	17,156	17,868	14,167	13,917
PA	*3,968	3,760	*2,896	2,767
SC	4,770	5,087	4,335	4,452
TX	12,488	13,656	10,377	10,516
VA	6,577	6,568	5,791	5,631
CA, TN, & WV	*11,375	11,191	*10,655	9,903
15 State Total	*179,749	179,414	*147,227	146,777
Previous Year	172,086	174,784	143,351	142,108
Pct. of Prev.	104	103	103	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 72.89 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 07/08/99-07/14/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	38.67	48.21	35.70	39.41	45.69	45.00	65.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	39.00	—	—	7.00
GNR W 3	—	—	24.17	27.38	23.67	25.56	15.00
GNR W 4	—	—	19.00	20.50	18.60	21.30	6.00
GL W XL	—	—	55.00	59.96	52.67	—	10.25
GL W LG	—	—	49.50	51.00	48.72	52.00	18.75
GL W MD	21.25	—	20.50	22.33	—	28.00	8.00
GL W SM	—	21.50	18.00	19.67	—	—	10.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	23.57	25.17	10.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.75	17.25	—	19.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 10-Jul-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.5	32.6	0	41
BOSTON	5.7	6.0	-5	-51
CHICAGO	47.1	37.6	25	-13
DETROIT	27.0	23.1	17	-1
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	88.7	93.8	-5	7
NEW ORLEANS	11.4	9.7	18	-11
NEW YORK	37.0	46.3	-20	-8
ST. LOUIS	11.7	12.4	-6	16
SAN FRANCISCO	20.0	21.4	-7	29
TOTAL	281.2	283.0	-1	1
4 WK MVG AVG	279.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 03-Jul-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,508	40	3,548
AVGWT	0.00	26.77	27.43	26.78
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	0	5,747	37	5,784
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,745	34	4,779
AVGWT	0.00	24.28(A)	25.71	24.29
TO-DATE/1999	55	121,456(A)	851	122,362
TO-DATE/1998	32	131,782(A)	956	132,770

(A) Includes 364,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 481,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			
NEAST	449	-30	24.51	(A)	(A)	451	24.60
SATL	505	14	33.08	(A)	(A)	507	33.04
N CENT	1,691	-34	28.48	(A)	(A)	1,714	28.46
S CENT	556	-62	18.77	NONE	NONE	556	18.77
WEST	307	-50	24.78	(A)	(A)	320	24.83
U.S.TOTAL	3,508(B)-39	26.77		0	40	3,548	26.78
TO DATE							
1999	121,456(B)			55	851	122,362	
TO DATE							
1998	131,782(B)			32	956	132,770	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 364,000; last year to date 481,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	136,199(A)	1,797	1,385	3,182	378
AVGWT	4.94	3.37	7.83	5.31	6.25
LAST WEEK	160,052	2,244	1,513	3,757	518
YR AGO	145,101	2,353	1,273	3,626	445
AVGWT	4.77	3.38	7.90	4.97	6.60
TO-DATE/1999	4,076,328	58,651	36,800	95,451	11,960
TO-DATE/1998	3,925,555	57,056	34,195	91,251	12,051

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 137.9 million head or 16.7 million head less than or 89 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Jul-17

	CURRENT WEEK 07/17/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/10/99
CLASS-----	THOUSAND	HEAD-----
BRO-FRY	152,457(2)	140,372
LT HENS	2,280	1,896
HVY HENS	1,643	1,430
CHECK TOTAL	156,380	143,698

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Jul-99 is 155.4 million head compared to 146.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.3 million head or 1.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 24-Jul-99 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	5	143.5	153.5	93	5.06
	12	153.7	154.2	100	5.04
	19	158.4	154.6	102	5.11
	26	161.4	154.6	104	5.05
JULY	3	162.0	154.9	105	5.02
	10	137.9	154.6	89	4.94
YEAR TO DATE		4125.8	4093.0	101	
JULY	17		155.4		
	24		155.7		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
12-Jul-99	5-Jul-99	5-Jul-99	13-Jul-99
60.39	-0.48	60.87	68.86
NUMBER OF LOADS	687		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 7/12-7/17/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.88	53	56.90	88
Los Angeles	66.00	65.14	74	64.63	148
New York	54.00-56.00	55.22	46	57.26	96

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-75	70	70.00	80
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-70.5	70.5	70.50	10
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	70-75	70	70.00	80
CENTRAL REGION	71-71.5	71.5	71.50	10
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 12-Jul-99	3,513	193,183	101,317
AM 1-July-99	3,057	180,335	96,237
CHG	456	12848	5080
PCT CHG	15	7	5

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
7/12/99			
Southeast	10-18.5(1)	15-17	15.93
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	3-19.5(1)	15-17.5	15.66
7/9/99			
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-1(2)	1	

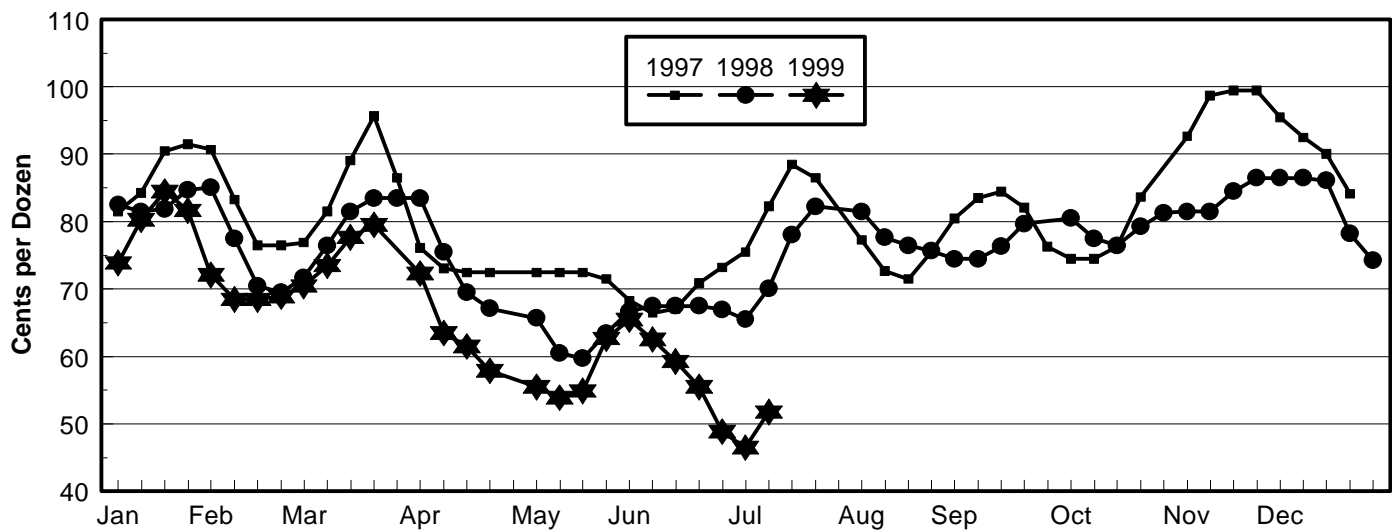
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

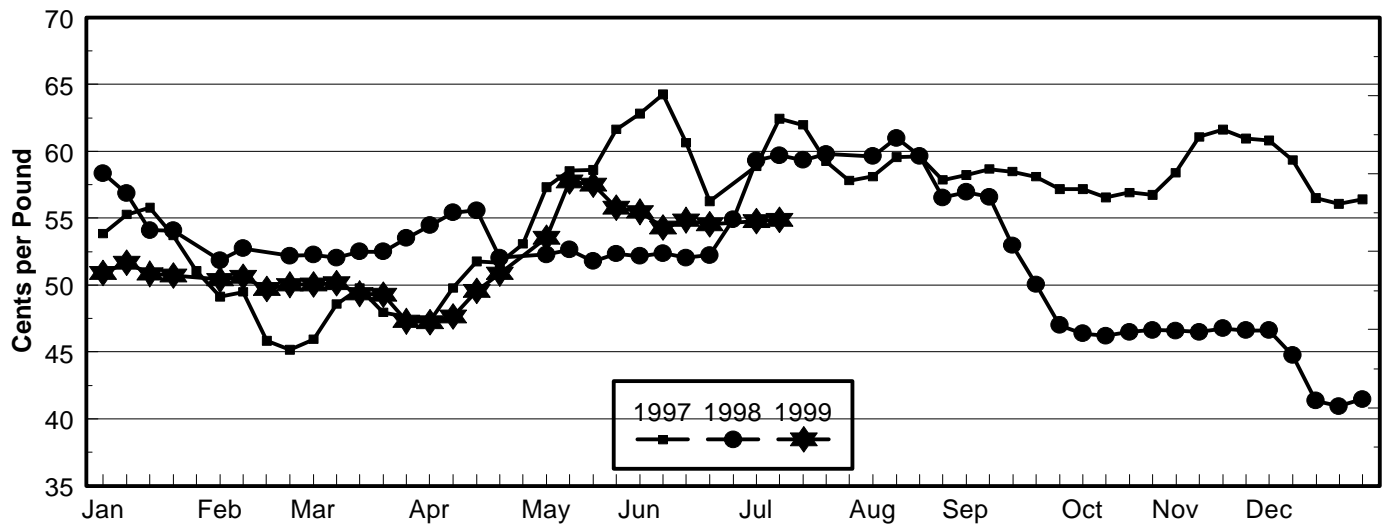
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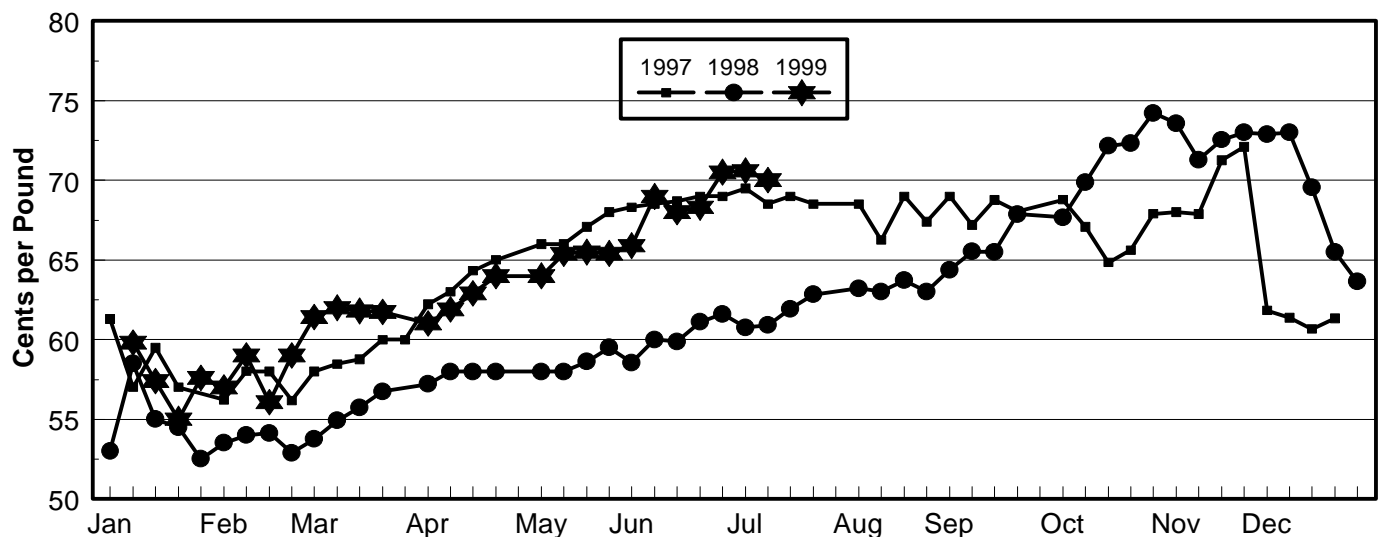
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.